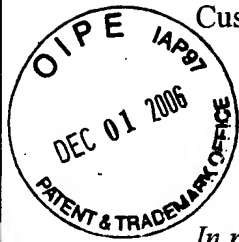


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Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed August 1, 2006 ("Office Action"), to which a response is due with a one (1) month extension by December 1, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested because they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

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